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1. RE EMBASSY TAIPEI'S REQUEST IN PARA 5 REFTTEL, PRESIDENT'S APRIL 10 ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS PROVIDES AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF POLICY ON INDOCHINA. FOR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN VIETNAM, REQUEST EMBASSY SAIGON INCLUDE TAIPEI AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON DAILY HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S WEEKA, WHICH COVERS INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

2. WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP IN MIND PARTICULAR ROC CONCERNS OVER ITS PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA, AND, AS WAS CASE IN CAMBODIA, ROC EMBASSY SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH
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EMBASSY SAIGON ON MATTERS CONCERNING EVACUATION.

3. WITH REGARD TO ANY IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INDO-CHINA ON TAIWAN, SUGGEST YOU EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE STRENGTH AND WILL OF ROC, ALONG WITH CONTINUED US INVOLVEMENT IN REGION, ARE STRONG BULWARKS AGAINST ANY IMPACT OF INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS ON STABILITY IN THE TAIWAN AREA. KISSINGER

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